



# PROCLAMATION

*Appointing Twenty Shilling to be Payed for every Boll of Foreign Viſual that ſhall be Imported.*



VILLIAM By the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To  
Majors of Our

Privy Council, Meſſengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that Part Conjunſtly and Severally, Specially, Conſtitute Greeting;  
For as much as, by ſundry Acts of the Lords of Our Privy Council, and Proclamations formerly emitted by Us; Foreign  
Viſual was Allowed to be Imported for Relief of the Poor during the Space therein mentioned, like as, in conſideration  
of the continuing Dearth of Viſual in ſeveral places of this Kingdom, and of the Want and Diſtreſs many of Our good  
Subjects Ly under there-through; And that the Unſeaſonableneſs of the Weather Threatning a Late Harveſt may make  
the Straits and Wants of many, eſpecially of the Poorer ſort, Inſupportable before they can be Relieved by the preſent Crompt

We have reſolved to give all Incouragement to any who ſhall Import Viſual to this Kingdom from any Foreign Country during the Space after-  
mentioned. THEREFORE, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Do hereby Grant License, and full Liberty to all Perſons what-  
ſomever, Foraigners or Natives, to Import Viſual or Corns of all Sorts, either by Sea or by Land from any other Kingdom or Country whatſo-  
ever, until the *firſt* Day of *October* next to come, and that Free of Cuſtom, Excise, or other Impoſſition for all that ſhall be Imported after the Day  
and Date hereof During the Time foreſaid; And Recommends it to the Commiſſioners of Our Theaſaury to Diſcharge the Exacting of any  
ſuch Cuſtom, Excise, or Impoſition for the ſaid Viſual ſo to be Imported, notwithstanding of any Act of Parliament, or Book of Rates Im-  
poſing the ſame; And for a farther Encouragement, and Invitation to all ſuch who ſhall Import and Bring into this Kingdom, either by Sea or  
Land betwixt and the Day foreſaid, Viſual or Corn of any Sort, except Malt, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Do hereby Ap-  
point, and Ordain the Sum of Twenty Shilling *ſcots* for Each Boll of the ſaid Foreign Viſual (Excepting as ſaid is) to be Imported after the Day  
and Date hereof, and betwixt and the ſaid *firſt* of *October*, to be Given and Payed out of Our Cuſtoms to the Importer thereof, upon his Oath  
of Verity, of the Number of Bolls Imported by him, taken in preſence of any of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Shires of this Kingdom, Baillics of Baillics or  
Regalities, Stewarts of the Stewartries or their Reſpective Deputs Magiſtrats of Burghs, or any of the Commiſſioners of Supply, or Juſtices of Peace  
within the ſame, and Subſcribed with his hand, and Atteſted by the foreſaid Judges, and alſo by the Collector of the next Adjacent Cuſtom-Houſe;  
And of which Twenty Shilling *ſcots*, We with Advice foreſaid Require and Command the Tackſmen and Farmers of Our Cuſtoms, and their Col-  
lectors and other Receivers at the reſpective Cuſtom-Houſes, to make preſent and immediate Payment for Each Boll of Foreign Viſual Imported  
by Sea or Land to the Importer thereof, upon his Receipt to be given upon the Back of the foreſaid Subſcribed Oath of the Number of Bolls  
Imported; And which Receipt We with Advice foreſaid Declare, ſhall be a Sufficient exoneration to the ſaid Tackſmen and Farmers of Our Cu-  
ſtoms and their Collectors of their ſaid Tack-Duty, and be Allowed to them in the Fore-end thereof *pro tanto*, Certifying ſuch of the ſaid Collectors,  
or other Perſons Employed to Receive Money at the reſpective Cuſtom-Houſes, by the Tackſmen and Farmers of Our ſaid Cuſtoms; That if they  
ſhall fail to make Due and punctual Payment of the ſaid Twenty Shilling *ſcots* for Each Boll of Imported Viſual, (Excepting as ſaid is) poſtpon  
or delay the Importers thereof in the ready Payment of the ſaid Sum when the ſaid Subſcribed Oath and Receipt is offered to them; They ſhall  
not only be Declared, and *ipſo facto* thereby become Incapable to Serve, or be Employed by Our ſaid Farmers in any Office or Truſt under them  
in Uplifting Our ſaid Cuſtoms, but be farther Lyable in what Penaltie and Damages to the Party, the Lords of Our Privy Council ſhall think  
fit to Inſiſt upon them. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR, and We Charge you Strictly, and Command, that incontinent theſe Our Letters ſeen,  
ye pals to the Mercat-Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and to the remnant Mercat-Croſſes of the Head-Burghs of the ſeveral Shires and Stewartries within this  
Kingdom; And their in Our Name and Authority make Intimation hereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Ordains theſe Preſents to be Print-  
ed;

*Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the Seventh Day of Auguſt, and of Our Reign the Eighth Year, 1696*

*Ex deliberatione Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*  
GILB. ELIOT Clk. Sec. Concilii.

GOD Save the King. *William R.*